

TO: Governor
FROM: John Arledge
DATE: December 16, 2004
SUBJECT: Medicaid Meeting

Per our conversation, here are the additional issues I would ask that we discuss with Dr. Jones tomorrow:

Redetermination Communication

Although Dr. Jones has already begun giving speeches about the redetermination effort and cut radio spots on the subject, the Governor's Office has not received a communications plan from the DOM on the implementation of redetermination. Due to the sensitive nature of the subject, we should be intimately involved on this issue.

Partnership Lawsuit

I am not aware of any formal discussion yet between our office and Dr. Jones about the possibility of the DOM joining Senator Chaney's "Partnership" lawsuit. I think we need to reach a conclusion on the subject soon. After talking with Senator Chaney's attorneys, our attorneys have acknowledged that his proposed lawsuit is proper. I think the DOM joining the lawsuit would give strength to our

budget recommendation and make the Attorney General's arguments for saving the group much weaker. Pending litigation would give the issue more attention and longer shelf-life in the media.